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## "Y" Director Leaves Welland For Post In Niagara Falls

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The motivating force, behind YM-YWCA expansion Miss Elizabeth Pitt, executive director of Welland "Y" submitted her retirement after helping insuring the city of a modern building to house the Association.

During the four years that Miss Pitt has made her home here, the Youth organization has expanded from a store front with only a ping-pong table to the present availability of funds for a modern building housing a swimming pool, lounge kitchen and gymnasium.

She has successfully organized programs for all ages from physical education, her pet interest, to fencing and social groups. To herself, the primary achievement was the development of leadership in the youth of the community.



MISS BETH PITT

Being her second retirement, Miss Pitt admits she is a rebel "when it comes to studies in old age". In explanation she stated: "I don't believe in the segregation of older citizens". In regard to herself: "Some of my teenagers are as old as I".

Miss Pitt has already accepted the position of executive director of the YM-YWCA in Niagara Falls. She philosophized on the new "challenge", "as long as a person is able to accept and enjoy work, he should prevent retirement as long as possible".

A woman with a multitude of active interests, she enjoys painting with oils, belongs to the Toronto Archery Club, and Sword Club and occasionally goes on canoe and camping trips. She is also an avid traveller, having seen much of the world.

Unlike many, she "loves the boats", which remind her of her home town of Collingwood and plans to reside in Welland while employed in Niagara Falls. She expressed surprise, upon arrival here four years ago, when warned she would not find people friendly, but stated the warning has no grounds.

Previous to her appointment in Welland, Miss Pitt taught at Havergal College, Toronto, and Bryn Maur College, Philadelphia and was a former executive director of the Oshawa YWCA.

She praised the boards, committees and staff that have labored with her through campaigns, and ideas for expansion and improvement.

Succeeding her to help build the "Y" centre that she envisioned is William Courtney, an experienced director from Cornwall "Y" who was in a similar position in London during their building.

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# Gay Re-Union Of Camp Girls

## Eaton Girls' Club Entertains at Jolly Gathering

Campers of the Eaton Girls' Club Camp at Shadow Lake, held a jolly re-union at the Eaton Girls' Club, 415 Yonge street, on Saturday evening, April 4th.

A program of skits and dances was arranged by the Campers and those taking part included Misses Alison Wallace, Daisy Smith, Louise Goldsmith, Adele Mazza, Myrtle Brodbeck, Edith Leusby and Phyllis Duckworth. Miss Betty Jones was song leader with Miss

Dorothy Elford at the piano. Miss Elizabeth Pitt, camp supervisor, announced the winners of the Snapshot Competition and presented the prizes. Miss Reta Ford, president of the Eaton Girls' Club, and members of the Council and Camp Staff acted as hostesses.

Out-of-town campers attended from Hamilton, St. Catharines, Guelph, Oshawa, Woodstock and St. Thomas.



## *New executive director of 'Y'*



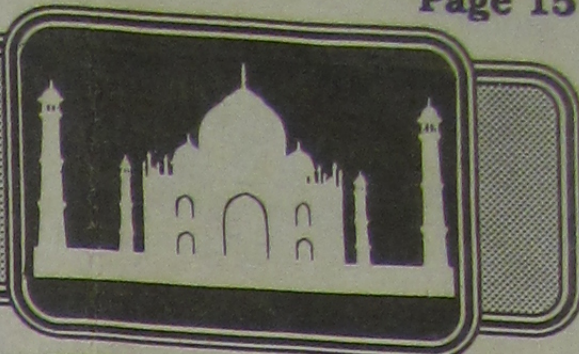
**Elizabeth Pitt**

who has been appointed the new executive director of the YWCA. She succeeds Miss Kathleen Hudson, who retires at the end of this month. Miss Pitt will begin her new duties October 1. Miss Pitt is a graduate of Margaret Eaton School and Ollerup Gymnastic College, Denmark. She taught at Havergal College, Toronto, and Bryn Maur College, Philadelphia. Miss Pitt is a former executive director of the YWCA, Oshawa, and for the past four years has held a similar office at the YMCA-YWCA in Welland. She is presently a member of the Recreation Advisory Committee of Niagara College, and the board of directors of the Niagara Falls Division of the Canadian Mental Health Association.



# The Villages

## Residential Options in the Niagara Region



Provides Independent Living

## St. Charles Village

Story & Pictures by Maxine Hartley, Editor

If you are looking for a residence which provides independent retirement living where you can still maintain an active role in the community, St. Charles village in Southwest Welland could well be the place for you.

Says Administrator Sharon Cook, "Everything possible is done to try to provide residents with the ability to remain in the community and activities they had prior to moving to the Village."

And family members are encouraged to visit at all times, but particularly for special evenings, family Bar-B-Cues, special dinners, dances, etc. They are also encouraged to use the parkland facilities adjacent to the Village.

### What is There

The first apartment building has been constructed and already has over 40 residents, whose average age is 80 years.

### What Will be There

When completed, St. Charles Village will consist of a six-storey apartment building with 70 rental units, 62 condominium maisonettes, a 70-unit motel with recreational facilities, two more 3-storey apartment buildings and a small, strip mall.

Nineteen maisonettes have been built and twelve of these have been sold. The average age of the maisonette residents is 60 years.

### Apartment Style

The first apartment building has 70 fully furnished one-bedroom units in 4 different floor plans, each with bedroom, kitchen, living room, bathroom and out-

door balcony.

But residents can also bring their own furniture, a plus as far as resident Emma Snelling is concerned. "I like to have my own furniture, figurines and display my needlepoint pictures on the walls," says Emma.

### Wheelchair Accessibility

Four of the units have been constructed with wheelchair accessibility, with lower counters, sinks, electrical outlets, light switches, thermostats and assistance bars in the bathroom.

**Emergency cords** available in all apartments and all maisonettes activate vis-

two-bedroom, and walls and doors can be rearranged to create a bachelor apartment.

### Ground Floor

Included on the ground floor are kitchen and dining room facilities, library, a multi-purpose room (for exercising, meetings and social functions) beauty and barber shop, visitors' lounge, residents' laundry room and administrative offices.

has served as the president of the Canadian Wheelchair Sports Association for several years and has been involved in the Disabled Sports movement for 18



Emma Snelling looks out over the park and the Welland Canal from her balcony at St. Charles Village.



Sharon Cook in the living room of Emma Snelling in St. Charles Village

ual and audible alarms at the main desk and a flashing warning light over the apartment's hall door entrance.

### Can be Modified

Modifications can be incorporated to convert one-bedroom apartments to

### Staff

St. Charles Village is operated by 35 full or part-time staff including 7 registered nurses who provide 24-hour nursing service and who will dispense medicines upon request.

### Meals

All meals are served in the dining room by the kitchen staff and are included in the rental cost. Kitchen staff can provide special diets.

Residents can also prepare meals in their own kitchens and if this is preferred, the meal rebate is credited at the end of the month.

There are also housekeepers who provide clean linens and towels.

### Administrator

Sharon Cook is well-qualified for her administrative position. She spent 6 years in charge of geriatric recreation at Sunset Haven. She

years.

### Group Activities

The emphasis is on continuing to be an active community member, but there are exercise classes organized by an activities coordinator who also arranges group activities outside the Village for shopping excursions, luncheons and even short canoe trips on the Welland Canal.

### Businesses Come to St. Charles

Some businesses come to the residents. There are on-site services such as the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce weekly personal banking service and the MDS Lab service, which performs routine medical tests weekly. The Welland Public Library Bookmobile and numerous drug stores, such as the Big V, will also service St. Charles.

### Residents' Council

Residents' affairs are overseen by a Residents' Council, which consists of representatives from each floor, a chairman, vice-chairman, treasurer and secretary. They meet regularly and ask the administrator to join in, from time to time as required.

### Cost

Owning a maisonette will cost you from about \$75,000 to \$85,000 depending on style. The one-floor townhouses are designed in four floor plans with either one or two-bedroom layouts.

A bonus is that all the services provided for residents of the apartments are available to maisonette owners.

Apartment rentals vary from \$1275 to \$2265 per month, depending on size, location and services included.

### Who's Responsible

St. Charles Village was developed by a group of Southwestern Ontario businessmen headed by Larry Paron of Hamilton.

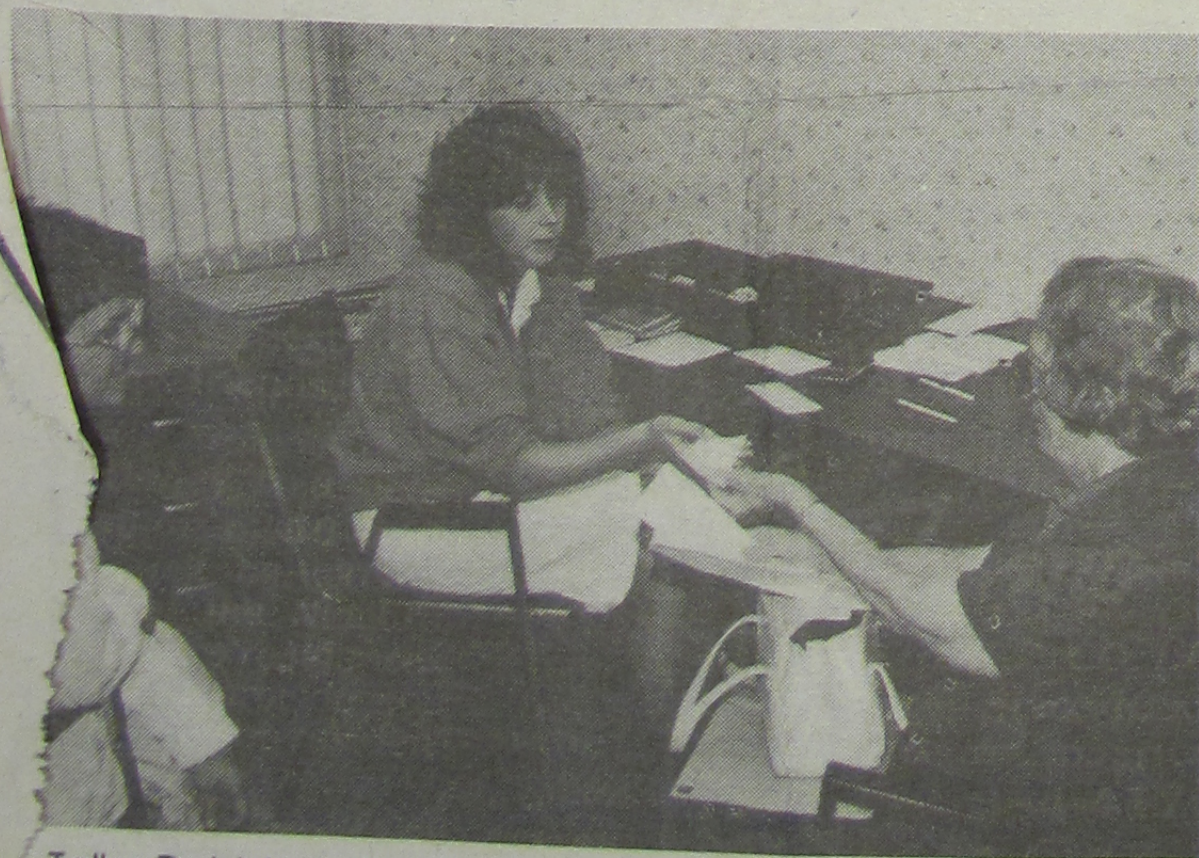
Their first development along these lines was St. Lawrence Place at Kingston, Ontario, which has been operating successfully for 4 years.

### Breathtaking View

"I just love it here," says Bess Pitt-Barron. "I love to look out from my balcony and see the Welland Canal and the parkland next door, and so do my friends."Ω

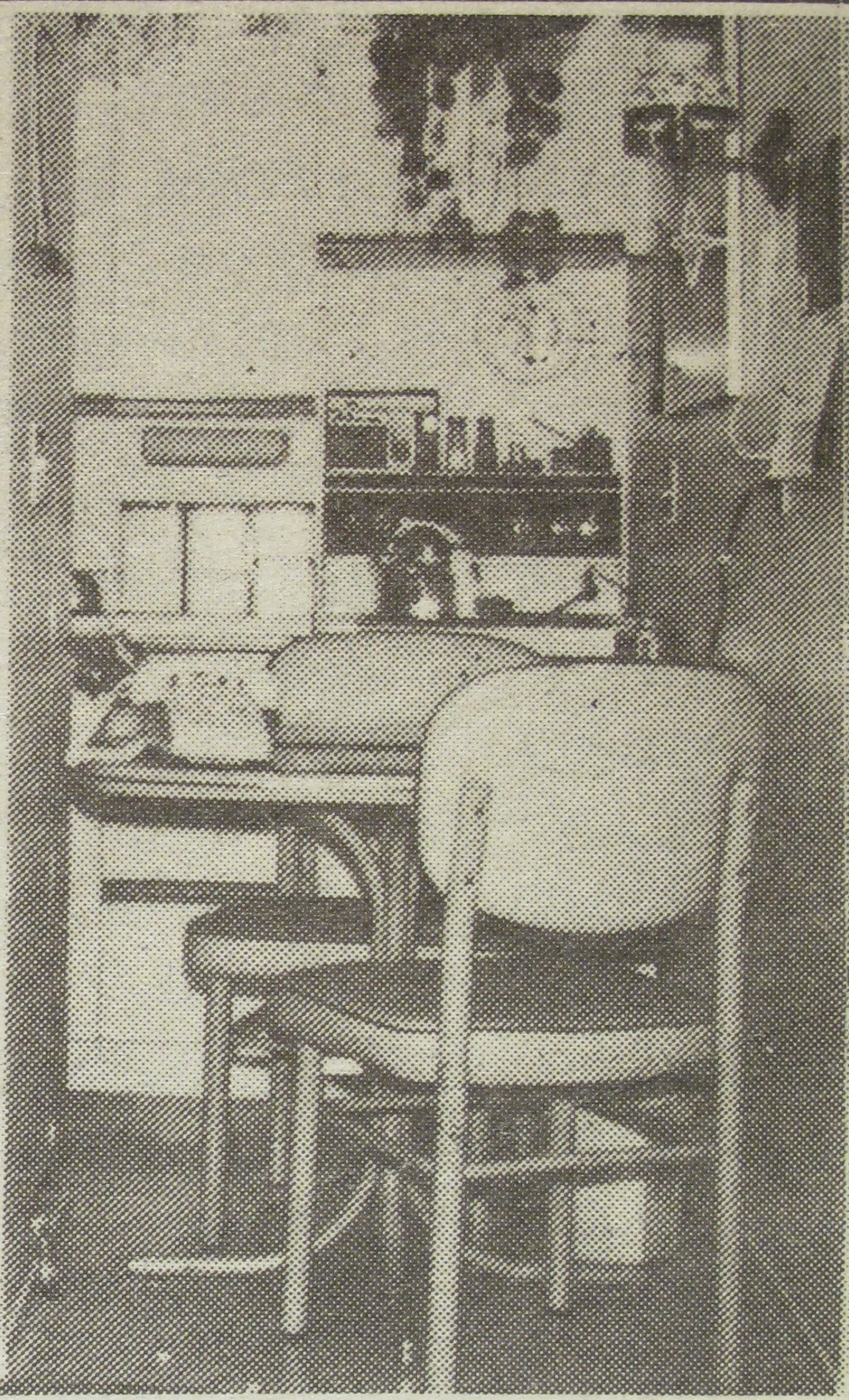
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Teller Debbie Kelly (middle) of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce help Bess Pitt-Barron do her banking on the premises of St. Charles Village, while Administration Officer Joyce Monteith looks on.





Bess Pit-Barton in her apartment. See Story p. 15

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# "Y" Building Need 'Pounded' Home By Pitt

The need for a new "Y" building in this city was literally pounded home to the Welland Kiwanis Club yesterday.

YM-YWCA director Miss Beth Pitt gave the concluding two minutes of her interesting address to the tape-recorded accompaniment of carpenters' hammers.

In addition to familiarizing the organization with the need for a new building and the campaign plans that are already under way for early next year, Miss Pitt outlined the growth of the extensive program of activities carried out by the Welland "Y" now. The agency is a member of the Welland and District United Appeal.

In club business two new members, John Dargie and Andy Fulop, were inducted by past president Bob Reilly and president Don Neill who chaired the meeting, held at the Barclay Hotel.



# Lifelines

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## Operation Update

# Calendar prompts do

WELLAND (Staff) — Bess Barron showed she cared.

When she received a copy of the Welland Hospital Foundation calendar earlier this year, she did more than just admire the pictures and hang it on her wall. She responded to an open invitation to share in the future of the hospital by making a donation to the foundation.

Barron's donation of \$1,600 will be used to purchase an Oxygen Concentration Monitor, a machine which provides additional safety when monitoring patients receiving a general anesthetic.

"Recently some of my relatives and friends have had difficulty in operations with oxygen problems," said Barron who asked that her donation be specifically used for the monitor.

Barron said she had been considering a contribution to the foundation for some time and was encouraged to do so by the calendar.

"I've been thinking about making a donation. My husband got very good treatment there — and when I jammed my hand in a door I was very impressed with the treatment I got in the emergency department."

"But because my husband was in the hospital this is really in memory of him."

Her husband Robert died in 1984 in Sunset Haven.

The calendar, which was distributed free in the Evening Tribune contains details of items required by the hospital, the number of each required, and the cost.

"I thought it was beautiful," said Barron. As a member of a photography club in Welland, she particularly liked the photographs of hospital activities featured in the publication.

Barron, a sprightly and active 83-year-old, has had a very active life and many of her past activities were within the medical field. During the Second World War she served as a nurse in England and also spent time overseas on a fact-finding mission determining requirements for Canadian nurses abroad.

She is also a long-time member of the St. John Ambulance and is now a Serving Sister with the Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

She trained as a physical education teacher and taught at a number of colleges. In the mid-Sixties she was executive director of the Welland YMCA.

She's also interested in museums and art and was a family friend of sculptor Tait McKenzie, and has written a book on the sculptor.

Gene Reese, Operation Update coordinator for the hospital has seen countless donations to the foundation over the last few years — and since the calendar came out the foundation has received a number of individual donations for specific items. Each donation, like the one made by Barron has a personal affect on him.

"To me personally, it means individuals in the community are interested in the welfare of the hospital," said Reese.

"Many thousands of dollars have been donated as a result of the calendar."

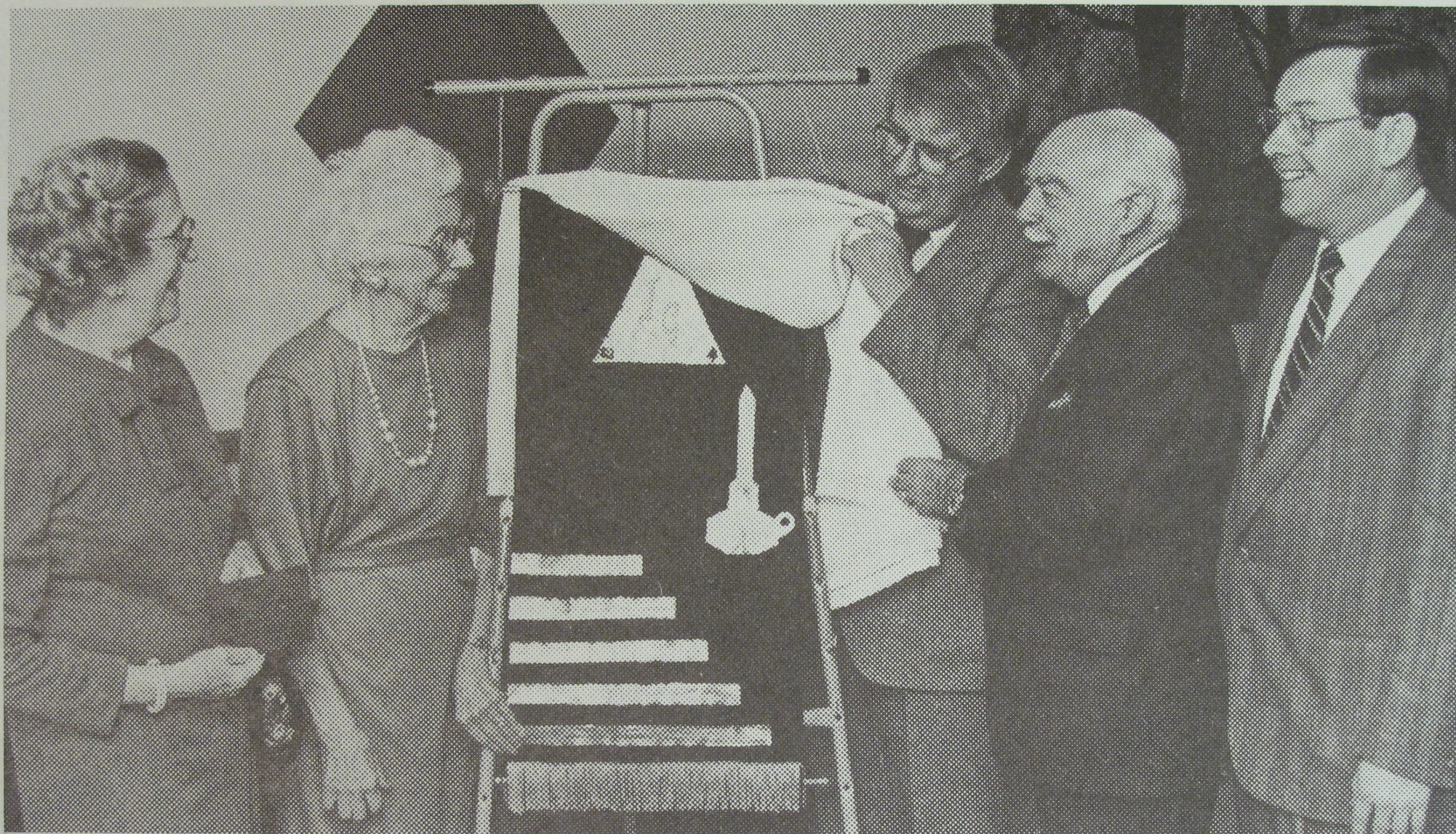


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Elizabeth Barron donated \$1,600 to the Welland Hospital Foundation.



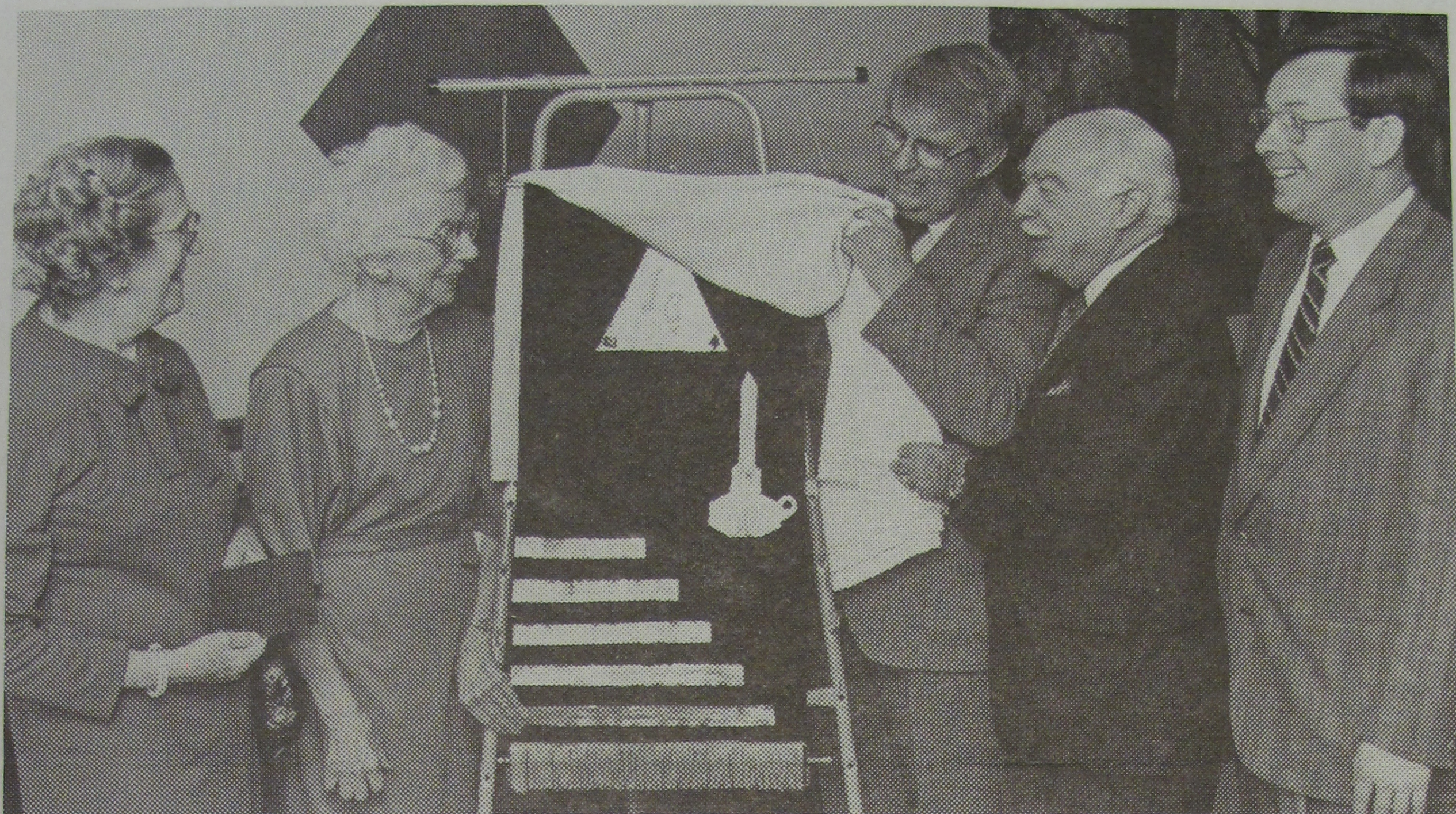
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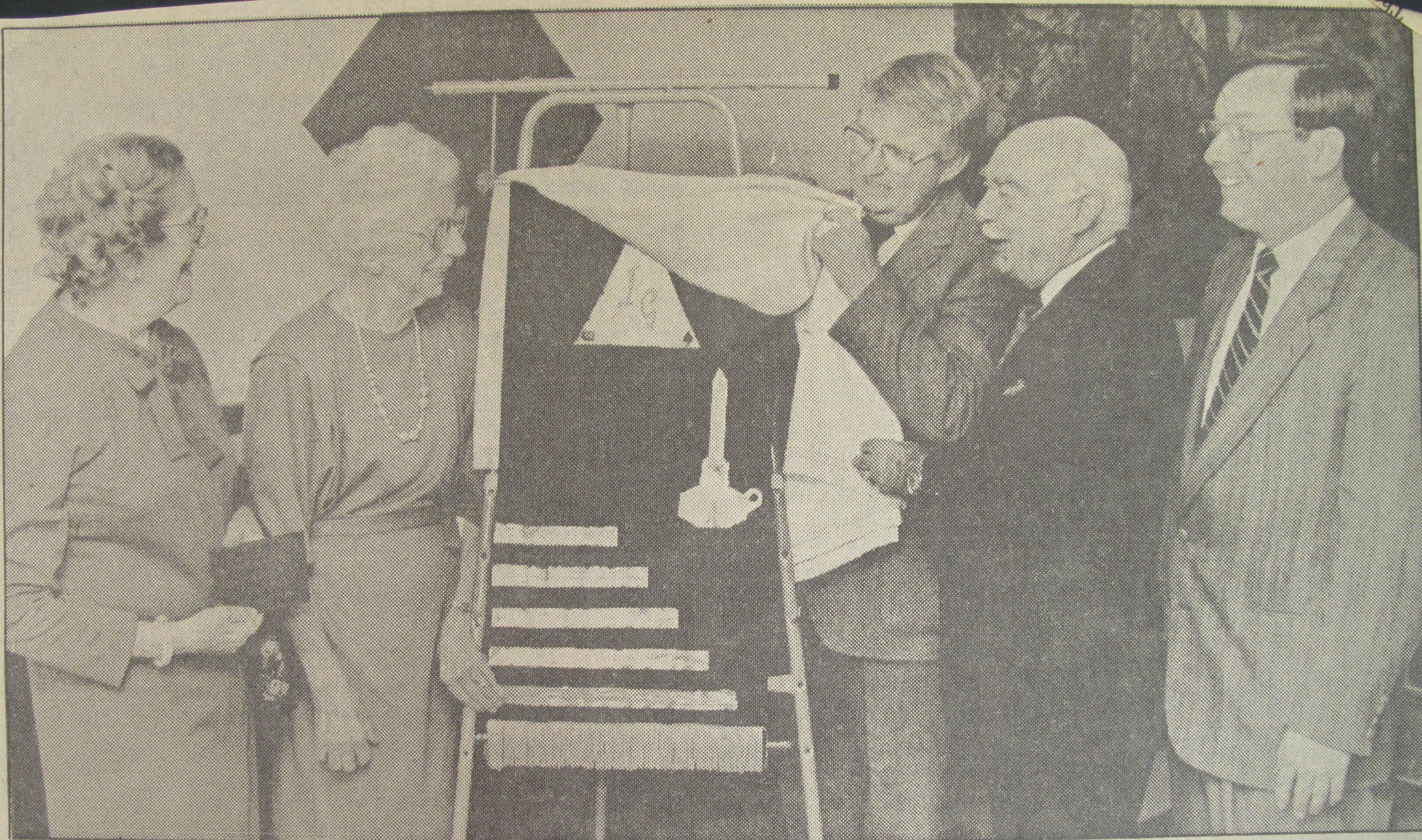
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### FEDERAL CONTRIBUTION TO GRAPE GROWERS

JOE REID, M.P. FOR ST. CATHARINES WITH SHIRLEY MARTIN, M.P.; BRIAN NASH, CHAIRMAN OF THE GRAPE MARKETING BOARD; AND JIM BRADLEY, M.P.P. DURING THE CHEQUE PRESENTATION OF THE FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL SURPLUS GRAPE PURCHASE AGREEMENT. THE FEDERAL CONTRIBUTION WAS \$1.55 MILLION.





Residents of Niagara Ina Grafton Gage seniors apartments on Linwell Road in St. Catharines celebrated the fifth anniversary of the United Church of Canada complex last weekend with a special service and the dedication of this wall hanging designed and made by tenants in memory of

the mother of administrator Don Caughey. From left are Beth Barron, wife of the late chairman of the board R.A. Barron; events co-ordinator Marion Harding; Mr. Caughey; St. Catharines MP Joe Reid; and St. Catharines MPP Jim Bradley, Ontario's environment minister.

— Staff photo



## Y.W.C.A. AT OSHAWA RECREATION CENTRE

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Oshawa, Feb. 15—The spacious 42-room Oshawa home presented completely furnished to the Y.W.C.A., two months ago by Col. R. S. McLaughlin and Mrs. McLaughlin is not only filled to capacity, but has already become the centre of much of the community's recreational life, Miss E. Pitt, general secretary of the new Y.W.C.A., announced. Young women who make this building their home include a number of soldiers' wives awaiting their husbands' return, Miss Pitt added. In all there are 32 permanent guests and 600 new members. Oshawa is without a Y.M.C.A., so young men are invited to become "registrants" of the Y.W., Miss Pitt explained. Community leaders have given their time in forming a club for 'teenagers. Every Friday more than 100 in this age group meet in the basement gym to dance and take part in other club activities.

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